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XA-10006 PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroshi Kuroda et al.

Appln. No.: 10/737,119 Group Art Unit: 2814

Filed: December 17, 2003 Examiner: D. NGUYEN

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2005, and to the requirement for election of species therein, Applicants hereby elect the species of Embodiment 1 (Figs. 1-19) for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-9 are considered to be readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications for the non-elected species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and

has not been requested separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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